

## Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 124449  
ORIGIN SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 R

DRAFTED BY EUR/WE:BMCKINLEY:SRS  
APPROVED BY EUR:GVEST  
S/S-O:TMARTIN

-----117822 162223Z /61

O 162028Z MAY 78  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY ROME IMMEDIATE

S E C R E T STATE 124449

EXDIS - FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM GEORGE VEST

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: IT

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

REFERENCE: ROME 8925

I AGREE WITH YOUR RECOMMENDATION THAT WE HOLD OFF FOR NOW  
ON A FINAL DECISION ABOUT A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT IN JULY, A  
SUBJECT WHICH WE WILL WANT TO DISCUSS THOROUGHLY WITH YOU  
EARLY NEXT MONTH. IN THE MEANTIME IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR US  
TO HAVE YOUR BEST ANALYSIS OF THE BENEFITS AND RISKS TO  
US POLICY AND INTERESTS THAT THE VISIT MIGHT ENTAIL. IN  
PARTICULAR, HAS THE MORO KILLING STRENGTHENED OR ACCELERATED  
TENDENCIES TOWARD COOPERATION BETWEEN THE DL AND THE PCI?  
IF SO, WOULD A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT BE TAKEN AS A US BLESSING  
ON A GREATER ROLE FOR THE COMMUNISTS? HOW MIGHT WE  
ESCAPE SUCH A DILEMMA-- E.G., THROUGH WHAT ALTERNATIVES  
TO A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT, OR WHAT INITIATIVES DURING THE  
PLANNING STAGE? HOW HAVE THE NEW ELECTION RESULTS ALTERED

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 124449

THE POLICY FRAMEWORK? IF POSSIBLE, WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE  
YOUR VIEWS BY THE END OF THIS WEEK. THE TOPIC COULD ARISE  
ON THE FRINGES OF THE NATO SUMMIT. VANCE

SECRET

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** Z  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** PRESIDENT, CHIEF OF STATE VISITS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 16 may 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Decaption Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978STATE124449  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** BMCKINLEY:SRS  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780207-0056  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:**  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780553/aaaabspj.tel  
**Line Count:** 58  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** e43d3e9c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ORIGIN SS  
**Original Classification:** SECRET  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** EXDIS  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** SECRET  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** EXDIS  
**Reference:** 78 ROME 8925  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 23 may 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2674860  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** PRESIDENTIAL VISIT  
**TAGS:** PGOV, IT, US, (CARTER, JIMMY)  
**To:** ROME  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/e43d3e9c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014